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Guard captain stabbed at jail

Charges expected today • Third stabbing at Burnside since April • Another guard punched during assault on Friday • Sections of jail on lockdown over weekend



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A jail guard captain was stabbed twice at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside on Saturday.

Metro Halifax has learned the incident took place in the North 1 wing of the jail, where some of the most dangerous prisoners are held.

Department of Justice spokeswoman Jennifer Gavin would not confirm the stabbing took place, on the grounds it might interfere with a Halifax Regional Police investigation into the matter.

"The tricky thing is that ... it is under investigation by police," she said.

"There was an incident (Saturday) morning; there was a correctional officer that required medical attention."

The guard captain was stabbed in his abdomen, and taken to Dartmouth General Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Provincial jail

Safety Justice Minister Ross Landry told reporters last month that despite a string of incidents at the provincial jail since April, he believed "the institution is safe."

Police spokesman Sgt. Bill Morris said an inmate suspect is being held at Halifax lockup in relation to the stabbing.

Racing. Perfection



Jordan Szoke, No. 1, leads Andrew Nelson, No. 26, and Michael Ferreira, No. 210, as they round a turn during the final round of the Parts Canada Superbike Championship at Atlantic Motorsport Park yesterday afternoon. Szoke won to record a perfect season. Story, page 17.

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Floods

Natural disasters rock Asia

Hundreds killed, hundreds more missing after floods and landslides • China endures its worst seasonal flooding in a decade {page 4}

Jackson, Costner, 'n' cowboy hats



Halifax went a whole lot country for weekend's Rockfest {page 2}

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News in brief

Nursing home abuse falls: Docs

UPDATE. Nursing home staff hit, spit and in one instance used a pen to draw on a resident, according to provincial summaries of abuse at homes over the past 20 months.

But the frequency of abuse against nursing home residents has fallen notably over the past two years when compared with reports in 2007-08.

An update of the abuse cases obtained by The Canadian Press through access-to-information legislation shows there were 20 incidents of abuse — including 15 involving staff — at nursing homes from Oct. 1, 2008 until this June. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clues in Reader case still sought

SLAYING. Five years after the death of Jonathan Reader, Halifax Regional Police are still calling on the public to come forward with information.

Reader, 19, was found unconscious just after 4 a.m. on Aug. 7, 2005. He was transported to hospital but later died. His death was ruled a homicide. METRO HALIFAX

Hospital closed after shooting

TRURO. The Colchester hospital closed for five hours yesterday as police investigated the cause of a shooting.

RCMP say they closed the hospital after responding to a call that a Salmon River man, 20, had sought attention there for a gunshot wound. Police say they reopened the hospital after determining the wound was accidental and self-inflicted.

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▶ Alan Jackson sings his hit Gone Country during Saturday night's Country Rocks show on the Halifax Common.

'We've gone country, y'all'

- About 20,000 fans come out Saturday night to see Alan Jackson
- Show marks end of summer concert season on Halifax Common



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Some wore short shorts, some wore sleeping bags and hundreds wore cowboy hats to Country Rockfest 2010 on the Halifax Common this weekend.

The headliner for the two-day show was Alan Jackson and thousands of people came to watch, sing along and have a beer (or three).

"It's funny how everybody has all the cowboy hats and shirts on, but if you look at Halifax next week, nobody will have it on."
DEBBIE MACDONALD, WHO BROUGHT ALONG HER 13-MONTH-OLD DAUGHTER AND HUSBAND JEFF FROM SACKVILLE TO SATURDAY'S SHOW

"I was just born and raised on (country)," said Justin Trenholm, a Jackson fan since he was six years old.

He said he was really looking forward to Mercury Blues and Chatahoochee.

Jackson took the stage on Saturday night with Gone Country and threw in some improvised lyrics:

"Down here in Nova Scotia we've gone country."

And in tribute to his opening act: "We've gone country, y'all. Even Kevin Costner's gone country."

In fact the city went so country, Halifax looked like Alberta — at least for a weekend.

The two-day Rockfest began on Friday night with George Canyon and headliner Johnny Reid.



Officials to measure rot of Titanic site

Most advanced scientific mission to the Titanic Three-dimensional map and data will be made public

THE DAILY NEWS FILE PHOTO



▶ A file photo of a Titanic replica.



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Next week scientists are heading back down to the Titanic and they're taking some extreme technology with them.

They'll create a three-dimensional map of the wreck and assess the ship's rate of deterioration.

The deterioration is "very controversial," said local Titanic expert Steve Blasco, who is a scientist based at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO).

"Some say the rate of corrosion and the rate of which the ship is falling apart means within a couple of decades it could collapse. Others say it's protected by corrosion and it will still be here in 100 years or so," he said.

Scientists will use high-definition imagery and a remote vehicle to gather data. It should help with determining how fast the wreck is deteriorating.

"We were on the wreck in 1991 and there was a change between 1991 and 1985. The rust rivers had expanded and rusticles seemed to be growing. Even within that time frame we could see changes on the wreck."

Scientists from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts and the RMS Titanic Inc., which owns the rights to the wreck, will leave from Newfoundland on Aug. 18 for a 20-day expedition.

It's the first expedition to the site since 2004.

Even if the Titanic is wasting away, there's not much that can be done about it — not without a lot of money.

"We believe there's still a number of really exciting mysteries to be discovered at the wreck site."
CHRIS DAVINO, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF PREMIER EXHIBITION AND RMS TITANIC, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"It will corrode and collapse," Blasco said. "If that actually happens, we are missing an opportunity to make observations."

There are no Canadian scientists on this mission but BIO will be interested in the results.

"We use the Titanic as a time marker and we'll probably be consulting with Woods Hole scientists to take a look at the imagery to see if we can learn something about the geological and biological environment."

History

The Titanic hit ice on its maiden voyage on April 15, 1912.

- **Death toll** 1,522 people were killed.
- **Disaster** The bow and stern separated during sinking and lie about a half a kilometre apart.
- **Discovery** Robert Ballard discovered the wreck site in 1985.
- **Dollars** The cost of this expedition is in the millions of dollars.

Preserve Titanic as grave: Expert

The Titanic wreck site is still littered with artifacts and it should stay that way, according to local expert Steve Blasco.

He said he didn't want to get involved with this expedition because they were originally looking to take artifacts. No artifacts will be taken from the three-by-five-kilometre debris field.

"I personally feel the Titanic is a grave site and there are still memories and people who had family on the Titanic," Blasco said. "Preserving it and leaving it on the bottom certainly gives you some respect for those who lost their lives and their decedents."

"When we were surveying the sea floor in 1991, we saw lots of things that belonged to people from shoes to the contents of the galleys."
STEVE BLASCO, SCIENTIST AT THE BEDFORD INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY

There are still thousands of artifacts that haven't been recovered

"There was a wealthy group of people on board and a lot of stuff they were carrying," he said.

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60 seconds



▶ Magda Schleifer looks over the grave of the Unknown Child at the Titanic Memorial at Fairview Cemetery in this file photo.

STEVE BLASCO, SCIENTIST

TITANIC "CELEBRATION" COMING TO HALIFAX

The 100-year anniversary is coming up in 2012. Are there any plans in the works? Steve Blasco, scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, says yes. There's a group called Titanic 2012 in the HRM who are working with the province and the HRM to plan a significant event to celebrate 2012.



Steve Blasco, scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography

Will it be a tourist draw?
Definitely. I'm on the steering committee for that project and we already have cruise ships that are interested in coming to Halifax at that time. We're also looking at what kind of events would be of interest to the public for 2012. That's everything from lectures in schools right through to having a conference.

What's the conference about?
It will be open to the public about what has been learned from the Titanic since its been discovered. In 2012, the results of this expedition that is starting shortly — those scientists involved will be here. In 2012 in Halifax, you will actually hear about the results of that expedition and what 3-D imagery they collected and the deterioration of the Titanic.

Will director James Cameron come to town?
That would be lovely. At this point in time, that would be a good idea.

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▶ Pakistani flood victim cries yesterday for stranded family.

Flooding crisis plunges Asia into misery

Chinese government sets aside $73 million for recovery efforts ◐ More rain in forecast till Wednesday

Floods and landslides across Asia plunged millions into misery yesterday as rubble-strewn waters killed at least 127 in northwestern China and four million Pakistanis faced food shortages amid their country's worst-ever flooding.

In Indian-controlled Kashmir, rescuers raced to find 500 people still missing in flash floods that have already killed 132, while North Korea's state media said high waters had destroyed thousands of homes and damaged crops.

1,300

The Xinhua News Agency lowered an estimate of Chinese missing by 700, down from 2,000, yesterday.

Terrified residents fled to high ground or upper stories of apartment buildings in China's Gansu province after a debris-blocked river overflowed during the night, smashing buildings and overturning cars.

Worst hit was the county seat of Zhouqu in the province's Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, where houses buckled and streets were filled with more than a meter of mud and water.

The landslides struck after heavy rains lashed China late Saturday, causing the Bailong River to burst its banks, Xinhua quoted the head of Zhouqu county, Diemujiangteng, as saying.

Around China, the country's worst flooding in a decade has killed more than 1,100 people this year.

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Sauna contestant dies in 110-degree battle

A Russian man trying to win the Sauna World Championships died after collapsing with severe burns in the final stage of an event that required contestants to sit in a room at 110 C, as water was tossed onto a searing stove, officials and witnesses said.

Vladimir Ladyzhenskiy, an amateur wrestler who was in his 60s, was pronounced dead late Saturday after he collapsed alongside reigning champion Timo Kaukonen of Finland roughly six minutes into the final round.

Nearly 1,000 spectators had gathered in the southern Finnish town of Heinola to watch 130 competitors from 15 countries, waving flags and cheering on the contestants before medical workers pulled the shaking and bleeding men out of the sauna.

Video footage shows workers pouring cold water over the two men and administering first aid as organizers tried to cover up the scene and calm spectators. The men were bleeding from what appeared to be severe burns, said Hakon Eikesdal, a photographer with the Norwegian daily Dagbladet.

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Worth the prize?

The annual contest had been held since 1999. Organizers say it will never be held again.

1. Half a litre (a pint) of water is added to the stove every 30 seconds and the last person to remain is the winner.
2. There was no prize other than "some small things," says the contest spokesperson.
3. Timo Kaukonen, the defending world champ, had refused to leave the sauna despite getting sick.
4. Temperatures at Nordic spas are normally kept around 70 C to 80 C.

Civilian toll may be lessening

Civilian war deaths in the first seven months of 2010 rose by six per cent over the same period last year, Afghanistan's human rights commission said yesterday. The modest increase suggested U.S. and NATO efforts to hold down civilian casualties were having some success.

Also yesterday, the bodies of 10 members of a medical team were flown to Kabul from Badakhshan, where they were gunned down three days ago at the end of a humanitarian mission.

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C'est la vie for Tories in Quebec

Two Conservative ridings were the biggest Quebec beneficiaries of a federal stimulus program set aside for rural areas, while other Tory-held areas received a considerable share of funds reserved for the province.

Numbers compiled by The Canadian Press reveal that in the initial stimulus spending under the Community Adjustment Fund the two Quebec ridings that received the most were key electoral battlegrounds held by the Tories. The party holds 11 of the province's 75 seats.

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Hope fades for pair in plane crash

Police are continuing their investigation into the disappearance of a small plane off Sydney, though they say it's unlikely the two passengers survived.

The twin-engine Cessna, flown by Ronald Johnston, 57, of Calgary, vanished from radar screens about 14 kilometres north of Cape Breton late Thursday night, amid heavy rains and thick fog. The plane was also carrying Dennis Forgeron, a 43-year-old Cape Breton native and CEO of Calgary-based Forent Energy Ltd.

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Investors await key numbers

Wondering about stimulus spending Retail sales numbers will be out at week's end

Investors will be looking to the U.S. Federal Reserve's meeting on interest rates this week to get a clearer picture on how the American economic recovery is unfolding.

There isn't any doubt about what the Fed will do about rates themselves — the central bank is fully expected to keep its key rate down at a record low of 0.25 per cent.

Certainly, there was nothing in last Friday's U.S. non-farm payrolls report to suggest that the American economy is ready for higher rates. While the jobless rate held steady at 9.5 per cent, the economy couldn't even meet modest expectations of 90,000 new private sector jobs last month. Instead, the sector added about 70,000 jobs.

But the Fed can find solace from some areas of the report.

"There are positive sinews out there, especially on the auto side where we see demand rising, which kind of goes against the grain here," said Andrew Pyle, investment adviser with ScotiaMcLeod in Peterborough, Ont.

So with no doubt about rates, investors will be eager to scan the Fed's accompanying communique for its take on economic conditions. They will also look to see if the Fed is considering an extra stimulus to jolt the economy, particularly in light of rising worries about deflation.

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Dissent

Thomas Hoenig, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, at the June meeting dissented from the Fed's pledge to keep rates at ultra-low levels for an extended period.

Instability Hoenig fears keeping rates too low for too long could lead to excessive risk-taking by investors and feed new speculative bubbles.

Economy. Autos



Ford Motor Co. chairman Bill Ford Jr.

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Better times for Ford

After a five-year wage freeze, Ford Motor Co. chairman Bill Ford Jr. will be paid $4 million in salary and $11 to $12 million in stock options — the money he would have earned from 2008 to the present.

Bahrain won't ban BlackBerry

Bahrain's foreign minister said yesterday the country has no plans to follow its Persian Gulf neighbours in banning some BlackBerry services because security fears do not outweigh the technological benefits.

Bahrain's Sheik Khaled bin Ahmed Al Khalifa told The Associated Press the handheld devices raise legitimate concerns, but that his nation has decided that banning some of the phones' features is "not a way of dealing with it."

Canadian-based RIM is negotiating with Saudi authorities to avoid a ban on messaging services on the devices, while neighbouring UAE is planning an even more sweeping crackdown on the data services starting in October.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 4 P.M. FRIDAY

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Gold contracts $1,203.40 (Friday)



HOW LOW CAN THE TIDE GO?

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When did we realize we had finally entered the deeps of the news-challenged rat ... er, dog days of summer?

Was it when that story about the number of rats per city block in Halifax — 75; You count 'em, I'll pass — made CBC Radio's marquee World at Six news show last week?

Or perhaps it was when we read yet another haven't-we-read-this-already news story. Can you say Lance Armstrong does drugs?

Or was it when some HRM councillor started musing about administering lie detector tests to his fellow councillors — why not just put them in a room with the 75 rats! — to find out which politician rat is spilling their secrets to the press. (Earth to councillor: The best way stop all the leaks at city hall is to stop writing so many silly secret memos.)

Or perhaps we can mark this summer's real news-less, madness-begins moment as the instant when Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter and his New Brunswick counterpart Shawn Graham launched their video two-step at last week's premiers' conference in Winnipeg.

"While acknowledging his province had a few pressing problems ... (Premier Darrell) Dexter described his Fundy fun as a meeting 'highlight.'"

The purpose: To convince Canadians to vote early and often for the "magnificent" Bay of Fundy, the only home-country contender remaining in a New Seven Wonders of Nature competition.

While acknowledging his province had a few pressing problems — "With a small, aging population that suffers from a high rate of chronic diseases, Nova Scotia is forced to find ways to deliver better health care while keeping costs down" — Dexter described his Fundy fun as a meeting "highlight."

Dexter even managed to invoke the name of Nova Scotia's iconic Joseph Howe. "Joseph Howe used to brag about the high tides at the Bay of Fundy, and rightly so," Dexter intoned.

Well, not quite. It's worth contextualizing what our unwilling Father of the Federations actually said — probably also in the middle of an August heat wave.

"Boys, brag of your country," Howe declared. "When I'm abroad, I brag of everything that Nova Scotia is, has, or can produce; and when they beat me at everything else, I turn around on them and say: "How high does your tide rise?'"

How low can we go? It's only Aug. 9.

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Space station in tough spot

Worth mentioning

A pair of space station astronauts had to hammer loose a stuck connector during an urgent spacewalk to restore a crucial cooling system Saturday, then an ammonia leak erupted and hampered the entire repair effort.

Despite making one of the longest spacewalks ever, Douglas Wheelock and Tracy Caldwell Dyson had to give up trying to remove a broken ammonia pump and retreat inside.

Disappointed managers said two more spacewalks now will be needed to replace the pump and get the space station's cooling system operating normally again. The original plan called for two spacewalks.

Another spacewalk won't be attempted until Wednesday at the earliest. Engineers huddled following Saturday's eight-hour, three-minute effort — the sixth longest spacewalk — to consider their options.

"We will get through this problem," said program manager Mike Suffredini. "The challenge is to get through this ... before the next problem hits the other cooling system."

The pump failure knocked out half of the space station's cooling system last weekend, leaving the orbiting lab with only one good cooling loop. Another breakdown could leave the station in a precarious situation.

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Long spacewalk

NASA VIA GETTY IMAGES



Does Eminem's Love the Way You Lie endorse domestic violence?

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Metro Minute at the Busker Festival

There's no shortage of entertainment in downtown Halifax to catch during your day and night this week as the 24th annual Halifax International Busker Festival is in full swing. The popular event that draws tens of thousands to the downtown core features street entertainers from around the globe with Victoria Park on Spring Garden Road, Historic Properties, Maritime Musuem, Summit Plaza and Sackville Landing serving as stage spots this year. The event runs through Sunday with this year's edition featuring the most local acts ever.

Visit buskers.ca for complete details on the festival, including stage time and a list of performers.

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▶ A busker performs at the Busker Fest.



▶ In Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World, Michael Cera must defeat his girlfriend's seven evil exes. The film opens across Canada on Friday.

Cera picks a fight

Elaborate training helped actor prepare for fight sequences in Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World ◐ Comic book adaptation actually set in Toronto

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"Toronto definitely is a huge character in the movie and it's such a stand out in that way because I can't think of any other movies that really glorify the city." MICHAEL CERA

Through his breakout roles in Arrested Development and Superbad, Michael Cera practically turned adolescent awkwardness into an art form. Now 22, the young Brampton, Ont., native is moving onto playing characters who are awkward arrested adolescents.

Not exactly a huge jump, but a jump nonetheless. His latest movie is Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World, a wonderfully bizarre comic book adaptation about a struggling 20-something who must defeat his girlfriend's seven evil exes through a series of elaborate fight sequences. At the very least, it's not something you've seen before. "I can't think of any other movie with this kind of tone," Cera told Metro. "There's a voice to the movie that's all it's own and I think that's really important in comedy"

The film presented Cera with a new challenge. Though the actor had cut his teeth on dialogue-driven comedies, playing Scott Pilgrim required him to wield a sword and dabble in kung fu.

"The fight training was very extensive and I had to try so hard just to throw a punch at first," laughed Cera. "It went on five days a week for like eight weeks and was basically like learning dance numbers. It was all beats and timing."

All of that training clearly paid off because audiences will get to see the typically subdued Cera pull off some impressive fight sequences, from punching his way through a pack of skateboarders to battling Jason Schwartzman with a flaming sword. "They were all fun challenges to tackle and so diverse," recalled the actor.

While the film offered new challenges for Cera, it also featured one comforting familiarity. Like many Hollywood productions it was shot in Toronto, but in a rare instance the movie was actually set in the city.

"It doesn't remind me of anything. I'm not like, 'Oh, that was like that other Toronto movie.' This is really it's own thing," said Cera.

Evil Exes

Guide To Scott Pilgrim's Battles With The Seven Evil Exes

- **1)** The Ex: Matthew Patel (Satya Bhabha) The Fight: Bit of Bollywood turned to 11.
- **2)** The Ex: Lucas Lee (Chris Evans) The Fight: Kung fu meets skateboards.
- **3)** The Ex: Todd Ingram (Brandon Routh) The Fight: "An epic bass battle with a vegan," Entertainment Weekly says.
- **4)** The Ex: Roxy Richter (Mae Whitman) The Fight: Scott faces off as a puppet.
- **5/6)** The Ex: The Katayanagi Twins (Keita Saitou and Shota Saito) The Fight: Monsters, dragons in a musical mix.
- **7)** The Ex: Gideon Gordon Graves (Jason Schwartzman) The Fight: "A sword fight that turns the movie into an 8-bit swashbuckler," Entertainment Weekly says.

Spike Lee slams report that says much of Gulf oil recovered

Filmmaker Spike Lee is calling a "lie" a U.S. government report that 75 per cent of the spilled Gulf Coast oil is gone.

Speaking to a meeting of the Television Critics Association on the weekend in Beverly Hills, Calif., Lee said journalists should expose what he called the real story.

He argued that it's unlikely that "abracadabra, presto chango" the vast majority of the oil has vanished from Gulf of Mexico waters and coastal wetlands.

Federal scientists said last week that nearly three-quarters of the oil has been removed by various artificial or natural means, but that the spill's effect on wildlife will long continue.

Lee was promoting his new documentary about New Orleans after hurricane Katrina.

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new movie

- If God is Willing and Da Creek Don't Rise, a follow-up to his 2006 film about the hurricane, debuts Aug. 23 and 24 on HBO.



▶ Spike Lee

2 scene

News in brief



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1 Steve Buscemi says it's only in his "wildest" dreams that he saw himself as a leading man. But that's just what the respected character actor plays in the new HBO series Boardwalk Empire.

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2 British star Emma Thompson was presented with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame on Friday.

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Rihanna-Eminem video fuels debate

Does the Megan Fox-starring clip glorify domestic abuse or make a strong statement against it?

It's hard to forget the haunting photo that leaked out early last year: Pop star Rihanna, her elegant face bruised and battered after a violent assault by her then-boyfriend, R&B singer Chris Brown.

Now, she's appearing in something else shocking, though thankfully fictional: Rapper Eminem's chart-topping Love the Way You Lie, a song (and now video) that graphically depicts a physically abusive relationship.

And the debate has begun: Is the song a treatise against (or apology for) domestic violence, or an irresponsible glorification of it? Or, is it something uncomfortable in between?

One thing is not in question: The song is a hit, sitting atop the Billboard Hot 100 chart. And well before the edgy video debuted Thursday evening, the lyrics were enough to get plenty of attention.

"Just gonna stand there and watch me burn," Rihanna sings repeatedly, to an undeniably catchy tune. "But that's all right because

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I like the way it hurts."

The girl, acted in the video by actress Megan Fox, tries to leave. The guy, played by Dominic Monaghan, promises it won't happen again. But then he admits he's lying: "I apologize even though I know it's lies."

Rihanna wasn't available for comment on the song, her publicist said in an email message. But the 22-year-old singer, who last year won a Glamour Woman of the Year award, partly for her stand on domestic violence, has been quoted as saying the song "was something that needed to be done and the way he (Eminem) did it was so clever. He pretty much just broke down the cycle of domestic violence."

Marjorie Gilberg — executive director of Break the Cycle, a group that fights violence among teens — has a different take.

"The danger is that pop culture defines our social norms," says Gilberg. "We don't want the message of this song to be that this kind of relationship is acceptable. So this song has to be viewed in the context of real information from adults, like parents and teachers."

Allison Churchill, an Eminem fan in Palm Coast, Fla., says she has friends who never really hear the lyrics to songs they like — "they just like a good beat." She herself listened a number of times to Love the Way You Lie before she realized what it was saying.

"I thought, 'I can't sing along to THAT,'" says Churchill, 31.

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▶ Despite all the claims in the press of problems in Jessica Simpson's life, the musician says she is very happy right now.

Simpson says: Consult a friend

Despite all the negative things people have said about her, Jessica Simpson is doing great, she insists.

"I'm very happy. Right now in my life, I'm the most confident I've ever been. I can make that statement," she tells People magazine. "At this point, nothing else can be said about me that could be worse than I have already read."

She also thinks that everyone should try and work through their problems — just not necessarily with a paid professional: "I really believe that somebody should just sit in front of their best friend in the world and have their friend ask any and every question — offensive or not. And whatever it is, answer it," Simpson advises. "That's your therapy. Really tackling those issues inside and out." METRO WORLD NEWS

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▶ Sean Penn said that the $400,000 that was allegedly misdirected from Wyclef Jean's charity could have done a lot of good for the people in Haiti.

Penn questions Jean's bid to be Haiti president

Actor says singer hasn't done enough for his homeland

Wyclef Jean's fledgling bid for the Haitian presidency has met with its first critic. Sean Penn isn't planning on attending any fundraisers for the singer anytime soon.

"He has been virtually silent for those of us in Haiti, he has been a non-presence," Penn says, according to Hollyscoop.

"I want to see someone who is really, really willing to sacrifice for their country and not just someone who I personally saw with a vulgar entourage of vehicles that demonstrated a wealth in Haiti that in context, I felt (was) a very obscene demonstration."

Penn also insists charges that Jean misdirected $400,000 in funds from his charity raise concern.

"That has to be looked into," Penn says. "I've been there. I know what $400,000 could do for these people's lives." METRO WORLD NEWS

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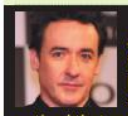
Celebrity tweets



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Lohan has lonely rehab



Lindsay Lohan's stay in rehab will be a lonely one for the first month, according to TMZ. Sources say the actress has been put on a program that restricts visitors to blood relatives during the first 30 days of her 90-day treatment

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▶ Self-professed trigger-happy parent Amy Beth Bennett, right, and her daughter, Sophia Cavaretta, 2, look at some of the books Bennett has made with photos of her daughter.

Proud parents ponder what to do with the countless baby photos they amass over the years
BabyCenter.com editor-in-chief offers organizing and storage ideas that are easy to use and take advantage of in the digital age

Trigger-happy

I am the stereotypical trigger-happy first-time parent. I've taken more than 10,000 pictures of my son — and he's barely a year old.

While I love the fact that I've been able to capture so many precious moments, there can be too much of a good thing. Currently these photos are plopped in a giant folder on my computer. I don't envision him browsing through these thousands and thousands of digital shots the way I flip through my baby albums stuffed with printed photographs. And that's a shame.

Linda Murray, editor-in-chief of BabyCenter.com, assures me I'm not alone in this dilemma. Many moms on popular website say they have completely replaced the traditional photo album — and presumably more than a few of them are fellow shutterbugs.

"We keep going and going and going because there's no expense to it ... We're all out there taking all these photos ... so now we have the back-end problem."
LINDA MURRAY, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF BABYCENTER.COM

"We keep going and going because there's no expense to it," says Murray, describing the mixed blessing of preserving memories in the digital age. "We're all out there taking all these photos ... so now we have the back-end problem."

Turns out, there are countless options for storing and sharing digital photos. You can upload them onto web-based albums on specialized sites like Shutterfly, or social networking sites like Facebook and BabyCenter Community. You can download software like Picasa that will organize photos on your desktop, or use a program like iPhoto on Macs. You can make an online scrapbook of sorts by keeping a photo blog — mostly pictures, some captions and occasional anecdotes.

(It's wise to make backups of your photos on an external hard drive or CDs in case — shudder at the thought — something happens to your computer or a host website.)

For a purely digital experience in displaying the images, you can get an electronic frame that rotates through all the photos on a memory card. For a foot in both worlds, you can use one of the photo websites or software to place an order for a printed album.

Whatever you do with the photos, Murray says, the key lies in winnowing them down to a manageable handful of favourites — professionals call these "hero shots" — and using a labelling system that's easy to remember.

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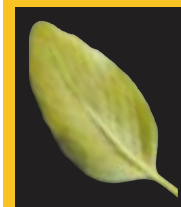
▶ Two-year-old Sophia Cavaretta is captured in a picturesque moment in her parents' garden.

Sure enough, photographer-mom Amy Beth Bennett of Oakland Park, Fla., approaches her two-year-old daughter's photo blog the way she does an assignment. Out of a couple of hundred photographs, she'll pick only a few to post for family and friends — ones that have the most telling moments. No one wants to slog through the equivalent of a vacation slide show, Bennett says. "You just want them to see how your girl's doing."

Then, like she does at the office, Bennett gives each of those photos a file-name consisting of the date and event (sandbox, train ride, etc.) so she can search for and find them easily. After that, they go into a folder named after the year.

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Herb lovers beware

The first sign is when the fragrant green leaves of your basil plant turn yellow on top. But the telltale proof is underneath, where spores appear as a mass of purplish grey dots. It's called downy mildew, an aggressive new disease that has wiped out basil crops in parts of the U.S. and was recently spotted in Ontario.

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Liven up your fruit salad

A jazzed up take on one of summer's favourite staples
Watermelon Salad With Basil and Bacon stays true to the old adage that bacon improves everything

Following the axiom that bacon makes everything better, it's about time to jazz up that staple of summer celebrations — fruit salad.

It starts with a basic fruit salad of watermelon, strawberries and diced apples. Then dress that with a simple vinaigrette of olive oil and lemon juice spiked with salt and pepper. You could stop right there because a splash of acid (the vinaigrette) does wonders to bring out the sweetness of fruit.

Crumbled bacon and slivered fresh basil are used to top the salad, offering a savoury, salty and (in the case of the basil) peppery contrast to the fruit. The bacon also adds a pleasant crunch.

The salad also can be prepped in advance; just leave out the basil and bacon, adding just before serving.

Finally, if you simply can't accept bacon in a fruit salad (and refuse to accept the universal truth of bacon's ability to improve all things), substitute crumbled Parmesan (which is governed by a similar natural law) or feta cheese, which will add a similar salty, savoury flavour.

Preparation:

1. In a large bowl, combine watermelon, strawberries and apples.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Drizzle mixture over fruit, then gently toss to combine. Scatter bacon and basil over salad. Serve immediately at room temperature.

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Ingredients :

- 1.5 l (6 cups) cut watermelon
- 500 ml (2 cups) quartered fresh strawberries
- 2 green apples, cored and diced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 6 slices cooked and cooled bacon, crumbled
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) thinly sliced fresh basil

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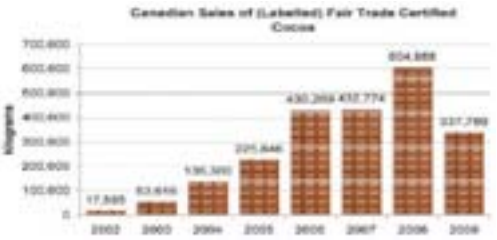
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2. Cover mixture and refrigerate for a few hours or overnight (until firm).
3. Scoop small teaspoonfuls of coffee/chocolate mixture and roll into 1-inch "truffle" balls with your hands (or leave them as rough chunks).
4. Toss truffles in cocoa powder until lightly dusted.
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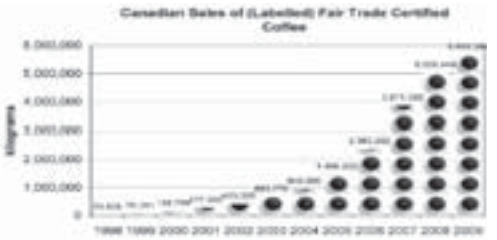
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How to green your grill

Is there such a thing as eco-friendly barbecuing? The answer is yes

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"Everybody traces back to barbecue," says champion competitive grill master Danielle Dimovski. "It was the first way to cook food."

Sweet, sizzling, delicious grilled meat is a wonderful treat for barbecue fans everywhere. But it doesn't seem like a particularly green or eco-friendly activity. So Metro asked Dimovski, head of the top-ranked Diva Q grill team from Barrie, Ont., if there's any good, green news at the grill.

Is there such a thing as eco-friendly barbecue?

"Traeger Grills has a system where they use compressed wood pellets," Dimovski explains. "The hardwood sawdust that they're using is recycled, and would otherwise have just gone for waste." Also, they have a burn system that has an efficiency rate of 98.8 per cent. That fuel-to-air ratio basically provides you with much lower emissions and a reduced carbon footprint."

Can I make my current barbecue grill cleaner?

"Number one: You have to keep your grill very, very clean," she says. "All the extra build-up of food? That actually burned. And that's not good for anybody. You need to burn cleanly, using a charcoal that has no additives or fillers." And don't just turn on your grill and do one hot dog. If you're going to grill, use it to the max. If you're going to do a pork shoulder and it's going to take eight hours, make sure your entire grill is full."

Are there greener and cleaner grilled foods?

"Yeah," she says. "They're probably vegetables. We'll typically let meats sizzle on the grill, and that's not really the best thing environmentally. I'm going to guess that vegetables would grill more cleanly."

But she's openly and admittedly not thrilled with the idea. "They're really not my thing," Dimovski concedes, going BBQ old-school. "Not ever, on this planet, will I ever be doing that."



There are plenty of ways to keep your grilling green.

On the grill

The hunt for the best rack of ribs in Atlantic Canada will come to a sizzling conclusion this weekend at the 2010 Maritime BBQ championships in Truro, Nova Scotia. It's a mouth-watering part of the annual Dutch Mason Blues Festival.



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If you can find an ingredient list, avoid "chlor" compounds, fragrance and triclosan. Triclosan in particular is one of the most common anti-bacterial agents but is particularly toxic.

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When children hit college, the vacations change



My eldest son, who's heading off to college in the fall, recently informed me that he plans to spend just a few days with us this year on our annual summer vacation.

"But it's our last vacation ever as a family!" I pouted.

He reminded me that I've been guilt-tripping him with that line since 2008.

All too true, I'm afraid. But that's because, as in many families, our travels have been so much fun that I hate the thought of taking a trip without him. And I'm sure my younger son is not looking forward to travelling with two boring old people (also known as his parents) once his big brother leaves home.

Eileen Ogintz, who writes a syndicated column and blog at TakingtheKids.com, says a child going off to college "does change the vacation dynamic — a lot. Right now it is all about them and they couldn't care less about family time."

Holly Hughes, author of Frommer's 500 Places To Take Your Kids Before They Grow Up, was in a similar situation last year, the summer before her eldest went off to college. With her husband and two younger kids, the family of five did a road trip. "We rented a minivan and we did the drive across country for two and a-half weeks," she said. But "it did not feel like a last hurrah," she said, and in fact, it wasn't. After finishing his freshman year, her son got a week off from his summer job this year and joined the rest of the family for a week on Martha's Vineyard.

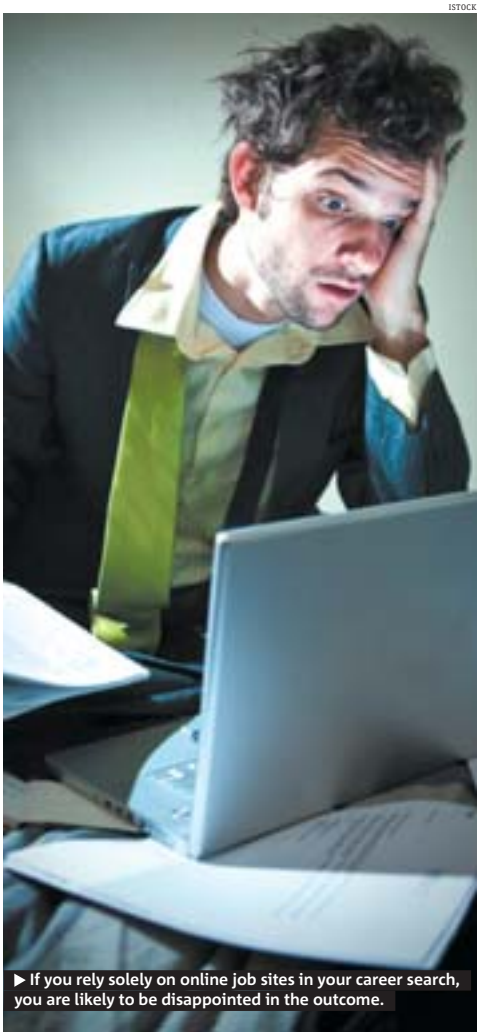
Price is another thing that comes into play.

"When they realize how much travelling costs, they will rethink travelling with you," she said, as long as the trip is "something they think is fun and exciting." And eventually, even college-age kids "realize what a good deal it is to have mom and dad pay the freight."

As for my son's reluctance to join us this summer, Ogintz advised, "I would just smile and say, 'Whatever you want to do, honey!' and know that he will be back."

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Best job offers found offline


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▶ If you rely solely on online job sites in your career search, you are likely to be disappointed in the outcome.

Craigslist is not perfect place to find job, counsellors say

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Career counsellors warn that the whole mini-universe of online job boards — Monster, CareerBuilder, HotJobs, etc. — is a great place to mis-invest your time and hope during a difficult job hunt. Employment guidebook author Margaret Riley Dikel calls it a "black hole," and Ford Myers, President of Career Potentials, agrees.

"Very, very few online applications are ever read or responded to," Myers says. "Good jobs don't get posted in the first place."

With unemployment high and the average Joe staring at the horizon for six months before the job boat lands, career counsellors say they're not surprised to see so many people surfing online want ads more than they should.

If you're among those unlucky masses, don't expect fantastic finds: Studies show 10 per cent or less of jobs are filled through online ads. But if the occasional online ad is one small part of your search strategy, you might as well do it right.

Start by composing a list of companies where you'd aim to work. About.com jobseeker's expert Alison Doyle recommends doing a LinkedIn company search by industry and location.

"Check the company website and see if you can apply directly there," she offers.

Back on the job boards, resist the temptation to rapid-fire the same cover letter and resumé combo at every link.

"It is absolutely imperative to customize the cover letter," Dikel warns. A little resumé tweaking — like bumping up the most relevant, if not recent job — can make the difference between the yes stack and the no can.

Moreover, Dikel notes, a human being may never lay eyes on your application — so use the same keywords they use in the ad to pass the computerized scan test.

What not to do

No 'Please Find the Attached Resume...'

"You've got 15-20 seconds to catch my attention in an email message," Dikel estimates, which is why you shouldn't burden your emails with a three-ton PDF of your resumé. Instead, just re-format it for email text. "It does not need to be gorgeous," Dikel says. "It needs to be readable."

News in brief

McMaster should market self better: Officials

EDUCATION International relations officials at McMaster University say the institution must reach out aggressively to the world and maintain and enhance its reputation as a leading university. With the competition for international students becoming fierce in Canada and abroad, McMaster cannot afford to just coast on its good reputation, says the university's associate vice-principal responsible for international affairs. "We have to go out and blow our own horn," the official says. The vice-president responsible for research and international affairs says McMaster is marketing itself most aggressively in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America. The effort, the VP says, should produce a richer campus, both academically and socially. For now, both officials say the prospect of a foreign McMaster satellite campus remains a possibility, albeit a distant one.

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Do homework in style

Designer tips to create a calm, organized place for school work

Kids may want to do their homework at the kitchen table with a sea of activity surrounding them. Many experts say they shouldn't.

"Build a space dedicated to homework and eliminate distractions," advises Douglas C. Merril, a former Google spokesman and author of the new Getting Organized in the Google Era.

According to Merril, everyone thinks they can multi-task, but our brains just aren't cut out for it.

In her new book, Right-Sizing Your Home, consultant Gale Steves agrees. She writes, "Although kids gravitate to the kitchen or family room — where parents can keep a watchful eye on them — ultimately having a workspace of their own is important."

And Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan, founder of the design blog Apartmenttherapy.com, taught school in New York City before he became an interior designer. Each year he would visit students' homes, and here's what he observed: "Invariably, the children who did best in school came from homes that were calm, well-organized and attractive," he says.

"A child's homework space should be as simple and practical as possible," he believes. "Children need a private, separate environment where they can concentrate and get through their work."

While homework space must be functional and well organized, it also should be somewhere the child wants to spend time.

"Get your child involved in the design," advises Susanna Salk, interior designer and contributor to the Today show. "Have them look at pictures and say what they like."

Most children are inspired by having something like what their parents use, Gillingham-Ryan suggests. "My daughter likes to have something that my wife or I have on our own desks. Consider giving your child a pen, lamp stapler or mouse pad like your own."

When selecting furnishings for homework space, keep in mind that your little girl or boy is going to get bigger and older.

Consider good adult task lighting, and keep in mind that a nice wooden table can serve as a good desk. Gillingham-Ryan favours desks made from wood.

"Natural materials help a child to feel grounded," he says. He believes there is a healthier energy from natural materials. He also suggests avoiding fluorescent lighting, selecting instead halogen or incandescent light.

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Space

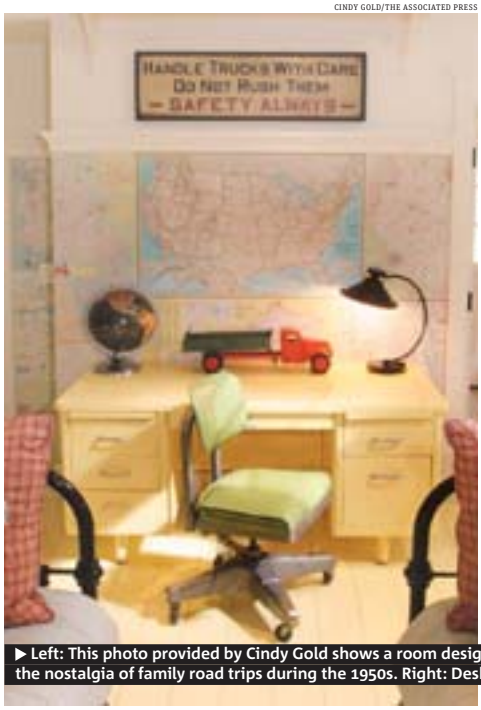
You do not need a large space to create a good homework area. If space is limited, Steves suggests placing a desk under the top bunk instead of another bed, and creating storage with a small file caddy on wheels. She also suggests thinking vertically when space is limited. A hutch or shelves above a desk provide storage as well as space to display children's work.

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▶This photo provided by Northwest Arm Press shows the Base Camp Loft Bunk Bed with desk in Rustic Cherry from Young America Youth Furniture. This child's room creates a cosy homework space.

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▶ Left: This photo provided by Cindy Gold shows a room designed by Windsor Smith. The decorative elements here refer to the nostalgia of family road trips during the 1950s. Right: Desk with hutch from Lea Furniture's Freetime Collection.

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Szoke perfect on his bike

Ontarian caps unbeaten season, nabbing Canadian Superbike Championship in Shubenacadie ◆ Led final two races wire-to-wire

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▶ Brantford, Ont.'s Jordan Szoke, No. 1, leads Andrew Nelson, No. 26, around a turn during the final round of the Parts Canada Superbike Championship at Atlantic Motorsport Park yesterday afternoon. Szoke went on to beat Nelson by over nine seconds to win his seventh race in seven starts.



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The perfect season is complete for Jordan Szoke.

The 31-year-old from Brantford, Ont., won the final two races of the Parts Canada Superbike Championship season to end the year a perfect seven-for-seven in event wins.

The final two races took place yesterday and Saturday at Atlantic Motorsport Park in Shubenacadie before several thousand fans each day.

The perfect season by Szoke is the first in the circuit's 30-year history.

"At the start of the year I thought we'd be able to put together a good challenge for the championship, but to do this is unbelievable," Szoke said in a release.

"To do what I did is still shocking to me."

Szoke had the pole for both races and led wire-to-wire. He completed yesterday's 22-lap race in 25:08 for an average speed over 134 km/h.

Szoke finished ahead of runner-up Andrew Nelson of Kars, Ont., — both yesterday and on Saturday.

The top Nova Scotian yesterday was Andrew Dunlop of Truro, who finished eighth. Todd Scott of Bedford was 11th.

Jordan Szoke



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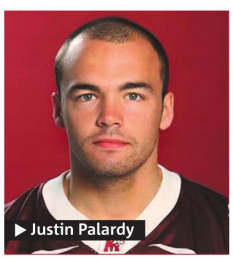
Few riders have had years as dominant as Jordan Szoke's.

- Szoke has also clinched a seventh Parts Canada Superbike Championship points title — and fifth straight overall.
- Szoke dominated the competition all season long, finishing with 376 points, 132 better than second-place rider Andrew Nelson.

No return for Huskie after CFL cut

5th

Round that Justin Palardy was drafted in by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats at May's Canadian Football League draft.



▶ Justin Palardy

A fifth and final season with the Saint Mary's Huskies isn't a possibility for punter Justin Palardy after being cut late last week by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

The current Atlantic University Sport record holder for career points (320), field goals (116) and converts (65) played in five games for the Tiger-Cats before getting cut last Thursday.

Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah said playing professionally means a CIS player loses a year of eligibility, meaning Palardy isn't eligible to return.

Palardy had three punts blocked in his first five games with Hamilton and also fumbled a snap.

PHILIP CROUCHER

Maine duo finish in top 3 at AC 250

Cassius Clark took the checkered flag at Saturday night's Atlantic Cat 250 before about 5,000 fans at Scotia Speedworld. The driver from Farmington, Me., led all but 23 laps in taking the race and the first-place prize money of over $15,000. Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour driver Shawn Tucker of Fredericton finished second, followed by former two-time Atlantic Cat champion Ben Rowe, who is from Turner, Me. Timberlea's Wayne Smith finished eighth, while Halifax's John Flemming was 10th.

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First-place finish for Canada

Halifax Trojan Olivia Feschuk helped the Canadian national youth team to a first-place finish in the team standings at the North American Challenge Cup swimming event in Santa Clara, Calif. Feschuk, 14, placed first in the 200m individual medley and third in the 800m freestyle on Saturday as Canada wound up first through the three-day competition.

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Conrad, Duckworth make team

Olympian Sarah Conrad will again be competing for the Canadian snowboarding team this winter. The Dartmouth half-piper who has represented Canada at two Winter Olympics was one of 31 snowboarders named to the team on Friday.

Alex Duckworth of Kinsburg, Lunenburg. Co. is also returning to the squad for half-pipe.

In total, the Canadian team has 20 returning veterans and 11 rookies.

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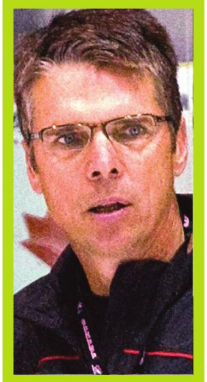
Dartmouth hammers Halifax

Colin Johnson hit a grand slam, finishing with five RBI, as Dartmouth Moosehead Dry blasted the Halifax Pelham Canadians 20-2 in NSSBL action yesterday.

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"Obviously there are some elite guys that if they're available, they're going to be on the team, but it's all about finding the right mix."

HEAD COACH DAVE CAMERON, ON PUTTING TOGETHER CANADA'S NEXT WORLD JUNIOR HOCKEY TEAM. THE TEAM'S SUMMER CAMP ENDED YESTERDAY.

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Mahan wins, worst for Woods

Hunter Mahan took a big step toward joining the elite in golf yesterday, winning his first World Golf Championship title to lock up a spot on the U.S. Ryder Cup team.

Four shots behind to start the final round at Firestone, Mahan ran off five birdies on the front nine to take the lead, then had three clutch par saves down the stretch to finish off a 6-under 64 and a two-shot victory over Ryan Palmer.

It was the second victory this year for Mahan, and the $1.4 million US he earned moved him to No. 2 in the Ryder Cup standings with only the PGA Championship remaining before the top eight Americans qualifying.

The battle for No. 1 was far less inspiring.

Tiger Woods will remain atop the world ranking for the 270th consecutive week, despite the worst tournament of his career. Woods closed with a 77 to finish at 18-over 298 — his highest score on the PGA Tour as a pro or an amateur — and finished one spot out of last place.

That cleared the way for Phil Mickelson to replace him at No. 1, provided Lefty finished in fourth place alone.

Mickelson was even worse. He shot 41 on the front nine, including a three-putt from four feet, and shot 78 to tie for 46th.

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▶ Tiger Woods takes a shot yesterday.

One-hit wonder

▶ Blue Jays' Morrow comes within an inning of throwing a no-hitter versus Tampa Bay ▶ Collects first shutout, complete game ▶ Would have been majors sixth no-hitter this season

It seems like no-hitters or perfect games are often punctuated by a defensive play that preserves the gem, like the leaping catch against the centre-field wall made by Dewayne Wise behind Mark Buehrle last July.

Brandon Morrow's moment came in the sixth-inning yesterday, when Vernon Wells chased down Ben Zobrist's drive to deep centre, leapt to snare the ball and then crashed into the wall, dislocating his right big toe to save his pitcher's no-hit bid in the process.

Unfortunately for the Toronto Blue Jays right-hander, the magic had run out by the time there were two outs in the ninth, and Evan Longoria poked a grounder toward the hole on the right side of the infield. Second baseman Aaron Hill charged the ball, dove to his left and had it glanced off his glove as the crowd of 22,313 gasped.

"Base hit," official scorer Dave Perkins bellowed in the press box, without a hint of hesitation.

And just like that, Morrow's attempt at the second no-hitter in franchise history and sixth in the majors this season vanished the way they all too often do, in jarring, agonizing fashion.

"That close," lamented manager Cito Gaston afterwards, holding his fingers an inch apart. "That close."

Still, the ever-stoic Morrow shook off the disappointment as fans loudly applauded him, gathered himself during a meeting on the mound with Gaston, and proceeded to strike out Dan Johnson with his 137th pitch and seal a 1-0 victory against the Tampa Bay Rays.

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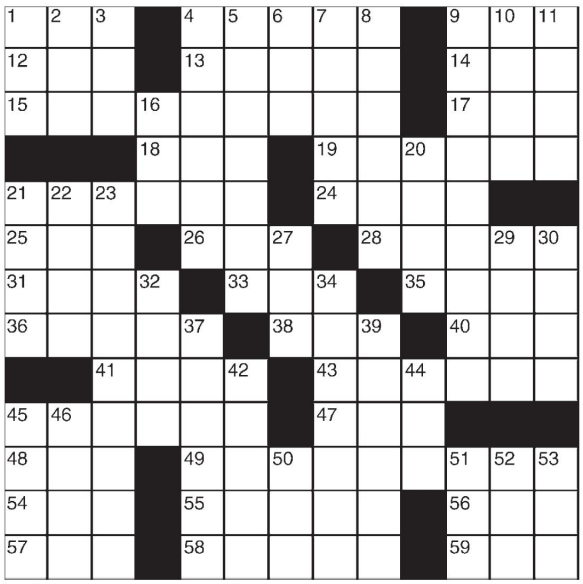
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▶ Brandon Morrow salutes the crowd yesterday in Toronto.



Crossword



Across

1 Completely
4 Expire
9 Big pig
12 Zodiac sign
13 Playful water critter
14 "Hail!"
15 Living room piece
17 Scooted
18 — de mer
19 Piece of pasta
21 Take a breath
24 Formerly, formerly
25 Mediterranean or Baltic
26 Home for 9-Across
28 Loses weight
31 Traditional stories
33 Listener
35 Leave out
36 Finish
38 Fellows
40 Historic time
41 Faucet problem
43 Autumn, e.g.
45 Leisurely walk
47 Scot's cap
48 Swiss canton
49 Fonda/Hopper classic
54 Gun the engine
55 Serviceable
56 Have debts
57 CBS logo
58 Studied (over)
59 Whammy

Down

1 Hearty brew
2 Meadow
3 — Angeles
4 Natives
5 Jock
6 School org.
7 Paris' river
8 Mistakes
9 Dickens novel
10 Ellipse
11 Hereditary bit
16 Singer Sumac
20 Norway's capital
21 Capri, for one
22 Night light?
23 Data-storage device
27 Sweet potato
29 Surrealist Joan
30 Ollie's pal
32 Continental money
34 Shape anew
37 Amass
39 Approached
42 Socrates' student
44 Chartres chum
45 Foolproof
46 Deuce beater
50 Madam's counterpart
51 Homer's interjection
52 Ram's mate
53 Actor Harrison

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	8	5	1	9	2	7	6	4
4	7	6	3	8	5	1	9	2
1	2	9	4	6	7	8	5	3
7	3	2	5	1	4	9	8	6
6	1	4	9	7	8	2	3	5
5	9	8	6	2	3	4	7	1
9	6	7	2	5	1	3	4	8
2	5	3	8	4	9	6	1	7
8	4	1	7	3	6	5	2	9

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HEATHER P

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CHEROLYNA



Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 19
There are so many things you want to change but you would be wise to resist the urge to make the kind of changes that others don't like. Compromise is a must today.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 Your sixth sense should also be telling you this is not the right time to make a major move of some kind. What happens tomorrow will clear obstacles from your path – then you can really get going.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Don't try to avoid confrontation today because this is one of those occasions when no matter how much you try to win others round they won't want to listen.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Today you are going to have to make a difficult decision concerning your ambitions. Don't worry about convincing others that you know your own mind – first you need to convince yourself.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Act on the assumption that you are hearing only half the story today. Question what you see and hear and don't be afraid to challenge accepted wisdom.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Money matters are likely to be a source of some dispute today and if a friend or work colleague asks for a loan you would be wise to say you are short of cash yourself. If not, you most likely soon will be.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Make an effort to be nice today, even with people whose only concern seems to be rubbing you up the wrong way. The fact is they feed off negative vibes, so the way to beat them is to be upbeat at all times.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You have so much energy at your disposal, but what are you going to do with it all? Physical activity of some kind is probably the best way to channel your Scorpio drive.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need to be aware of your limits. If you take on too much, or take on the wrong person, your efforts will at best come to nothing and might even end in defeat.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You are always looking for ways to improve your status and reputation but the planets warn your efforts could backfire today, especially if employers and other powerful people think you are being insincere.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
What you want to believe and what it's wise to believe are likely to be two completely different things today, be careful.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Don't try to bluff your way through a situation where you don't have all the facts at your fingertips. You may think you are smart enough to stay out of trouble but if you're wrong it could be costly. Play safe.
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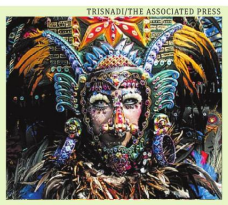


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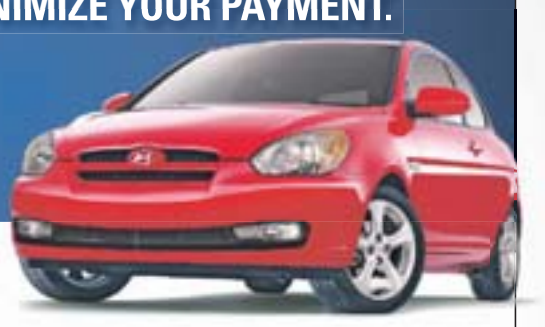
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